Shri Chetal was suspended for the third time pending a departmental enquiry, on the basis of a trap laid by C.B.I., on 12.9.1988 when Shri Chetal was arrested accepting a bribe for Rs. 10,000/- along with his Assis. tant Engineer. He was reinstated *on* 10.7.1990 under the orders of the then Administrator who was the competent authority in this regard. The reinstatement was without prejudice to the outcome of the major penalty proceedings pending against Shri Chetal.

The Government has been receiving representations against Shri Chetal from time to time each representation is examined separately on merits.

Kepratriation of Bangladeshi refugees from Tripura

*59. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Wheittier it is a fact that the riepijti iatiom process of] Bangladeshi Tribal Refugees sheltered in Tripura has came to a halt;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Goverment have taken at the diplomatic level with the Government of Bangladesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER (OF HOME AFIA1RS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN}: (a) to (c) After the first phase of repatriation in which 1854 Chakma refugees returned to Bangladesh between 15-22 February, 1994, he Chakma refugee leaders wanted to see the rehabilitation measures taek$_n$ by the >>orernment of Bangladesh. As such a visit by Chakma refugee lead* rs to the Chittagong Hill Tracts area ot Bangladesh was organized from 18-29 April, 1994 in consultation willh the Government of Bangladesh. Since the refugee leaders were not fully satisfied with the arrangements, further meetings between the refugee leaders and the Bang adesh Authorities were arranged at Ramgaih, Bangladesh on 5 and 30 June-, 1994. After the meeting on 30 June, 1994 the refugee leaders publicly announced their decision to begin the repatriation of the balance refugees from Tripura to Bangladesh. Accordingly, the repatriation process has nsumed on 21 July 1994 with the re lurn of 69 amilies comprising 357 i- fugees ta| Bangladesh.

India's rale in democratization of Security Council

*60. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHNIDE:; SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAUS be pleased t_0 state:

(a) what steps have so ar been taken by Government to ensure fuller democratization of the United Na_ tions Security Council by way of elimination of the provision for 'Veto Power" vested in a few permanent members and increasing greater representation of developing world in the Security Council; and

(b) What results have s_0 far been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE' MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAJCRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) India supported General Assembly Resolution 48/26 entitled •'Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase of Membership of the Security Council'^ which was adopted in 199-3 by consensus .The re solution has established an Open-Ended Working Group to consider all aspects of the question of increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the work of the Security Council.

The Open-Ended Working Group has started discussing the issue. It will submit a report on the progress of its work to the General Assembly.

before the end of its 48th Session. The Question is also in the provisional agenda of the 49th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Preservation of. Ecology of Himalayas

154. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA; 'Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himalayas are a source and foundation of economy and ecology of the whole country;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that preservation of the Himalayas is the duty of all hill States;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Himachal Pradesh is financially a weak State;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to give special grant to Hi machal Pradesh to help in the pre servation of ecology of Himalayas; and

(e) if so, the amount of grant pro posed to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH); (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Manas Tiger Project, Assam

155. SHRI DAVID LEDGER; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware that the UNESCO is contemplating to declare "Manas Tiger Project" in Assam as "World heritage site in danger"; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH); (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The World Heritage Convention was concerned that the Reserve was under constant threat and attacks from the Bodo tribesmen, which apart from resulting in widespread poaching of wildlife, illegal removal of vegetation had also resulted in continuing attacks on Government staff and properties.

Population of tigers and leopards

156. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise population of tigers and leopards in the country;

(b) whether-it is a fact that the population of the tigers in Manas Tiger Reserve has dwindled during the last decade;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to protect and maintain the tiger population in the Tiger Reserves of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The information is given in statement. *(See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Increase in poaching to meet the illegal demand in trade of tiger bones and other parts of its body has been the major cause of the decline in the population of tigers.

(d) The steps taken by the Government are as under :-

(i) A Tiger Crisis Cell has been set up in the Ministry;